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SUBJ: NEW DECREE EASES RESTRICTIONS ON EMIGRANTS WHO
MUST SELL HOMES

1. RSR OFFICIAL BULLETIN (JUNE 22, 1977) HAS PUBLISHED TEXT
OF COUNCIL OF STATE DECREE 182 ON THE "RECOVERY AND REGULARI-
ZATION OF CREDIT ACCORDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING OR
BUYING PRIVATE DWELLINGS." NEW DECREE APPEARS TO MAKE IT
EASIER AND LESS EXPENSIVE FOR SUCH PEOPLE AS INTENDING
EMIGRANTS TO GET RID OF THEIR PREVIOUSLY-OWNED APARTMENT
OR HOME, IF PURCHASED WITH STATE CREDIT AND NOT FULLY REPAID.

2. AS IN PAST AN INDIVIDUAL EMIGRATING FROM ROMANIA CAN SELL
HIS HOME ONLY TO THE STATE WHICH WILL ORDINARILY PAY NO MORE
THAN 40,000 LEI FOR URBAN DWELLINGS, REGARDLESS OF VALUE.
HOWEVER, PREVIOUS REQUIREMENT TO PAY BACK THE ENTIRE AMOUNT
OF APARTMENT COST (LOAN PLUS INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS) HAS BEEN
DROPPED. FOR EXAMPLE, IN PAST IF SOMEONE HAD BOUGHT
AN APARTMENT WORTH 120,000 LEI VIA STATE LOAN AND IN-
STALLMENTS, AND HAD ONLY PAID BACK 20,000 LEI, THEY
WERE FIRST REQUIRED TO REPAY THE ENTIRE COST OF THE
APARTMENT (120,000 MINUS 20,000 OR 100,000) BEFORE
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THE STATE WOULD BUY THE PROPERTY FOR 40,000 LEI, I.E.
A LOSS OF 60,000 LEI. THIS TRANSACTION HAD TO BE
COMPLETED BEFORE THEY COULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

3. NOW, IN CASES WHERE MAXIMUM PRICE IS PAID, THE
STATE WILL COVER 40,000 OF THE OUTSTANDING CREDIT BY
ITS PAYMENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE REMAINING 60,000

OBLIGATION WILL BE ASSUMED BY THE LOCAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL WHICH WILL TAKE OVER THE APARTMENT AND RENT IT OR SELL IT FOR THE ORIGINAL VALUE, OR MORE. WHILE THE SELLER RECEIVES NO MONEY, NEITHER IS HE ANY LONGER OBLIGED TO PAY THE SUPERFLUOUS 60,000.

6. COMMENT: MOTIVATION BEHIND CHANGE APPEARS TO BE CONNECTED WITH SERIOUS APARTMENT AND HOUSING SHORTAGE IN BUCHAREST FOLLOWING MARCH 4 EARTHQUAKE. SINCE THIS CHANGE SIMPLIFIES PROCESS BY WHICH THOSE LEAVING COUNTRY GET RID OF THEIR APARTMENTS, IT SHOULD MEAN THAT MORE WILL BECOME AVAILABLE SOONER THAN MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN THE CASE. ALTHOUGH ENACTED PRIMARILY FOR OTHER REASONS, THIS NEW DECREE APPEARS TO REMOVE AT LEAST ONE OF THE INNUMERABLE OBSTACLES PLACED IN THE WAY OF THOSE SEEKING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, AND THUS IS RELEVANT TO THE CONCERN SHOWN IN THIS REGARD BY SENATOR RIBICOFF AT RECENT SENATE MFN HEARINGS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PASS COPY OF THIS TEL TO STEVE HAAS, EB/ORF/ISM. ROOM 3531A.
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